

Number and Proportion Without Health Insurance by Region in Wisconsin

On any one day, how many people in Wisconsin are uninsured? These tables provide estimates of people without any health insurance at one point in time, sometimes called a “snapshot” of the population. Overall, 9 percent of Wisconsin residents were uninsured at any one point in time during 1995-1997. (The length of time people remain uninsured varies considerably. During 1997, only 5 percent of respondents to this Wisconsin survey had been uninsured for a full year. A national survey estimates 8 percent of Wisconsin residents were uninsured during all of 1997. See Technical Information.)

People lacking health insurance in each of the five Department of Health and Family Services regions are described in these tables, alongside comparable information for the entire state.

- Table 1 displays the percentages uninsured for the entire household population of the region and for selected demographic subgroups of the population.
- Table 2 displays the percentages uninsured for children under age 18 in the region, and for households with children.

Select the region:

Southern	Southeastern	Northeastern	Western	Northern
Adams	Jefferson	Brown	Barron	Ashland
Columbia	Kenosha	Calumet	Buffalo	Bayfield
Crawford	Milwaukee	Door	Burnett	Florence
Dane	Ozaukee	Fond du Lac	Chippewa	Forest
Dodge	Racine	Green Lake	Clark	Iron
Grant	Walworth	Kewaunee	Douglas	Langlade
Green	Washington	Manitowoc	Dunn	Lincoln
Iowa	Waukesha	Marinette	Eau Claire	Marathon
Juneau		Marquette	Jackson	Oneida
Lafayette		Menominee	La Crosse	Portage
Richland		Oconto	Monroe	Price
Rock		Outagamie	Pepin	Sawyer
Sauk		Shawano	Pierce	Taylor
		Sheboygan	Polk	Vilas
		Waupaca	Rusk	Wood
		Waushara	St. Croix	
		Winnebago	Trempealeau	
			Vernon	
			Washburn	

**Table 1. Southern Region
Number and Proportion Without Health Insurance**

An estimated 75,000 people in the Southern Region of Wisconsin were without health insurance at any one point in time during 1995-97. This was about 8 percent of all household residents. The uninsured included an estimated 14,000 children and 18,000 women of child-bearing age (18-44).

The poor and near-poor are more likely than the non-poor to be uninsured. While 8 percent of the Region's residents overall were uninsured, 26 percent of the poor and 13 percent of the near-poor were uninsured.

	Southern Region		State of Wisconsin	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Estimated Household Population	886,000	100%	4,995,000	100%
Total Uninsured	75,000	8	454,000	9
Age Groups				
0-17	14,000	6	103,000	8
18-44	41,000	11	241,000	12
45-64	17,000	10	103,000	10
65+	3,000	3	7,000	1
Summary Groups				
Women 18-44	18,000	10	108,000	11
Men 18-44	23,000	12	133,000	13
Poverty Status				
Poor (<100% FPL)	16,000	26	102,000	23
Near poor (100-199% FPL)	23,000	13	153,000	15
Not poor (200%+ FPL)	33,000	5	184,000	5
Metro Status				
Metro Counties (<i>see Notes</i>)	38,000	8	290,000	9
Nonmetro counties (<i>see Notes</i>)	37,000	10	165,000	10

Notes:

Metropolitan counties Dane, Rock.

Nonmetropolitan counties Adams, Columbia, Crawford, Dodge, Grant, Green, Iowa, Juneau, Lafayette, Richland, Sauk.

Source: Wisconsin Family Health Survey, 1995-97 combined file. Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

**Table 2. Children Ages 0-17 in the Southern Region
Number and Proportion Without Health Insurance**

An estimated 14,000 children in the Southern Region of Wisconsin were without health insurance at any one point in time during 1995-97. The uninsured included 4,000 children under the age of 6.

The proportion uninsured is much higher among poor children (18%) than among non-poor children (4%).

The 14,000 uninsured children in the Southern Region live in an estimated 9,000 households.

	Southern Region		State of Wisconsin	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Estimated Child Population	232,000	100%	1,355,000	100%
Total Uninsured Children	14,000	6	103,000	8
Age Groups				
0-5	4,000	6	28,000	7
6-11	4,000	4	36,000	8
12-17	6,000	8	39,000	8
Poverty Status				
Poor (<100% FPL)	4,000	18	29,000	18
Near poor (100-199% FPL)	4,000	8	40,000	13
Not poor (200%+ FPL)	6,000	4	31,000	4
Live(s) with Full-Time Employed Adult(s)	12,000	5	81,000	7
Households with Child(ren)	129,000	100%	750,000	100%
Households with Any Uninsured Child(ren)	9,000	7	61,000	8

Notes:

This table shows the estimated number of children who are uninsured in various groups, and the percent of children within the group who are uninsured.

FPL = Federal Poverty Level (based on household size and annual income).

Source: Wisconsin Family Health Survey, 1995-97 combined file. Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Technical Information

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All survey results have been weighted and are considered to be representative of Wisconsin's household population. The estimates in these tables (both population numbers and percents) are annual averages for the 3-year period 1995-97. Further details about sample design, weights, and survey implementation are available in the annual report, [Wisconsin Family Health Survey 1996](#).

This annual report also includes statewide information about health insurance coverage during the previous year. Five percent of Wisconsin's household population was uninsured for the 12-month period prior to the telephone interview. The U.S. Census Bureau's nationwide survey, the Current Population Survey (CPS), found that 8% of Wisconsin's household population was uninsured during all of calendar year 1997. The two surveys arrive at different estimates of the uninsured population because the surveys are conducted differently. More information is available in the report.

The households interviewed during 1995, 1996 and 1997 included 23,743 *people of all ages* throughout Wisconsin. There were 7,171 *children* under the age of 18 in these households. The information collected about these residents is the basis for the "State of Wisconsin" columns in both tables. The bottom panel of the children's table (Table 2) displays results based on interviews conducted throughout Wisconsin with 3,573 *households* that included children.

The results in the "Southern Region" column of Table 1 are based on a sample of 4,205 people from throughout the region. The results for the region in Table 2 are based on a sample of 1,175 children; the bottom panel displays results based on 606 households with children.

All of the results presented in these tables are estimates from the Wisconsin Family Health Survey. As survey estimates, they are subject to error. The reader should be cautious in comparing two estimates; an apparent difference of a few percentage points may not be a statistically significant difference. Confidence intervals for specific estimates may be requested from the Bureau of Health Information.

**Table 1. Southeastern Region
Number and Proportion Without Health Insurance**

An estimated 183,000 people in the Southeastern Region of Wisconsin were without health insurance at any one point in time during 1995-97. The uninsured included 44,000 children and 46,000 women of child-bearing age (18-44). Children living in the City of Milwaukee were more likely to be uninsured than were children in the balance of the Region (14 vs. 6 percent).

The poor and near-poor are much more likely to be uninsured than are nonpoor residents. In the Southeastern Region, 21 percent of the poor and 19 percent of the near-poor are uninsured, compared with 6 percent of the not poor.

	Southeastern Region							
	City of Milwaukee		Balance of Region*		Total SE Region		State of Wisconsin	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>
Estimated Population	607,000	100%	1,296,000	100%	1,903,000	100%	4,995,000	100%
Total Uninsured	93,000	15	90,000	7	183,000	10	454,000	9
Age Groups								
0-17	24,000	14	20,000	6	44,000	8	103,000	8
18-44	50,000	19	50,000	10	100,000	13	241,000	12
45-64	18,000	17	19,000	7	37,000	10	103,000	10
65+	1,000	2	1,000	1	2,000	1	7,000	1
Summary Groups								
Women 18-44	23,000	17	23,000	9	46,000	12	108,000	11
Men 18-44	27,000	22	27,000	10	54,000	14	133,000	13
Poverty Status								
Poor (<100%)	31,000	22	9,000	20	39,000	21	102,000	23
Near poor (100-199%)	31,000	22	27,000	17	58,000	19	153,000	15
Not poor (200%+)	28,000	9	49,000	5	76,000	6	184,000	5
Race/Ethnicity								
Non-Hispanic White	34,000	10	77,000	6	111,000	7	360,000	8
Non-Hispanic Black	44,000	23	ss		49,000	21	52,000	21
Hispanic	12,000	23	ss		17,000	19	25,000	22

Source: Wisconsin Family Health Survey, 1995-97 combined file. Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Notes:

Balance of Region includes Milwaukee County outside of the City, plus all of Jefferson, Kenosha, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington and Waukesha counties.

ss = Sample size too small to produce reliable estimate.

Population estimates in this table are annual estimates based on weighted results of the Family Health Survey combined over 3 years. These estimates represent the household population, excluding persons living in institutions such as nursing homes, dormitories, and prisons.

**Table 2. Children Ages 0-17 in the Southeastern Region
Number and Proportion Without Health Insurance**

An estimated 44,000 children in the Southeastern Region of Wisconsin were without health insurance at any one point in time during 1995-97. The uninsured included 12,000 children under the age of 6.

The proportion uninsured is much higher among poor children (16%) than among non-poor children (4%).

The 44,000 uninsured children in the Southeastern Region live in an estimated 28,000 households.

	Southeastern Region		State of Wisconsin	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Estimated Child Population	522,000	100%	1,355,000	100%
Total Uninsured Children	44,000	8	103,000	8
Age Groups				
0-5	12,000	7	28,000	7
6-11	18,000	10	36,000	8
12-17	14,000	8	39,000	8
Poverty Status				
Poor (<100% FPL)	13,000	16	29,000	18
Near poor (100-199% FPL)	15,000	16	40,000	13
Not poor (200%+ FPL)	14,000	4	31,000	4
Live(s) with Full-Time Employed Adult(s)	31,000	7	81,000	7
Households with Child(ren)	290,000	100%	750,000	100%
Households with Any Uninsured Child(ren)	28,000	10	61,000	8

Notes:

This table shows the estimated number of children who are uninsured in various groups, and the percent of children within the group who are uninsured.

FPL = Federal Poverty Level (based on household size and annual income).

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This annual report also includes statewide information about health insurance coverage during the previous year. Five percent of Wisconsin's household population was uninsured for the 12-month period prior to the telephone interview. The U.S. Census Bureau's nationwide survey, the Current Population Survey (CPS), found that 8% of Wisconsin's household population was uninsured during all of calendar year 1997. The two surveys arrive at different estimates of the uninsured population because the surveys are conducted differently. More information is available in the report.

The households interviewed during 1995, 1996 and 1997 included 23,743 *people of all ages* throughout Wisconsin. There were 7,171 *children* under the age of 18 in these households. The information collected about these residents is the basis for the "State of Wisconsin" columns in both tables. The bottom panel of the children's table (Table 2) displays results based on interviews conducted throughout Wisconsin with 3,573 *households* that included children.

The results in the "Southeastern Region" column of Table 1 are based on a sample of 5,657 people living in the City of Milwaukee and 4,341 people living in the rest of the region (outside the City), for a total of 9,998 people representing the entire Southeastern Region. The results for the region in Table 2 are based on a sample of 3,206 children; the bottom panel displays results based on 1,565 households with children.

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**Table 1. Northeastern Region
Number and Proportion Without Health Insurance**

An estimated 79,000 people in the Northeastern Region of Wisconsin were without health insurance at any one point in time during 1995-97. This was about 7 percent of all household residents. The uninsured included an estimated 20,000 children and 17,000 women of child-bearing age (18-44).

The poor and near-poor are more likely than the non-poor to be uninsured. While 7 percent of the Region's residents overall were uninsured, 23 percent of the poor and 11 percent of the near-poor were uninsured.

	Northeastern Region		State of Wisconsin	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Estimated Household Population	1,073,000	100%	4,995,000	100%
Total Uninsured	79,000	7	454,000	9
Age Groups				
0-17	20,000	7	103,000	8
18-44	38,000	9	241,000	12
45-64	20,000	9	103,000	10
65+	1,000	1	7,000	1
Summary Groups				
Women 18-44	17,000	8	108,000	11
Men 18-44	21,000	10	133,000	13
Poverty Status				
Poor (<100% FPL)	16,000	23	102,000	23
Near poor (100-199% FPL)	25,000	11	153,000	15
Not poor (200%+ FPL)	36,000	5	184,000	5
Metro Status				
Metro Counties (<i>see Notes</i>)	37,000	6	290,000	9
Nonmetro counties (<i>see Notes</i>)	42,000	9	165,000	10

Notes:

Metropolitan counties Brown, Calumet, Outagamie, Sheboygan, Winnebago.

Nonmetropolitan counties Door, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marinette, Marquette, Menominee, Oconto, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara.

Source: Wisconsin Family Health Survey, 1995-97 combined file. Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

**Table 2. Children Ages 0-17 in the Northeastern Region
Number and Proportion Without Health Insurance**

An estimated 20,000 children in the Northeastern Region of Wisconsin were without health insurance at any one point in time during 1995-97. The uninsured included 8,000 children under the age of 6.

The proportion uninsured is much higher among poor children (28%) than among non-poor children (3%).

The 20,000 uninsured children in the Northeastern Region live in an estimated 9,000 households.

	Northeastern Region		State of Wisconsin	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Estimated Child Population	290,000	100%	1,355,000	100%
Total Uninsured Children	20,000	7	103,000	8
Age Groups				
0-5	8,000	9	28,000	7
6-11	5,000	5	36,000	8
12-17	7,000	7	39,000	8
Poverty Status				
Poor (<100% FPL)	6,000	28	29,000	18
Near poor (100-199% FPL)	8,000	11	40,000	13
Not poor (200%+ FPL)	5,000	3	31,000	4
Live(s) with Full-Time Employed Adult(s)	17,000	6	81,000	7
Households with Child(ren)	159,000	100%	750,000	100%
Households with Any Uninsured Child(ren)	9,000	6	61,000	8

Notes:

This table shows the estimated number of children who are uninsured in various groups, and the percent of children within the group who are uninsured.

FPL = Federal Poverty Level (based on household size and annual income).

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The results in the "Northeastern Region" column of Table 1 are based on a sample of 4,794 people from throughout the region. The results for the region in Table 2 are based on a sample of 1,398 children; the bottom panel displays results based on 706 households with children.

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**Table 1. Western Region
Number and Proportion Without Health Insurance**

An estimated 71,000 people in the Western Region of Wisconsin were without health insurance at any one point in time during 1995-97. This was about 11 percent of all household residents. The uninsured included an estimated 15,000 children and 17,000 women of child-bearing age (18-44).

The poor and near-poor are more likely than the non-poor to be uninsured. While 11 percent of the Region's residents overall were uninsured, 25 percent of the poor and 14 percent of the near-poor were uninsured.

	Western Region		State of Wisconsin	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Estimated Household Population	675,000	100%	4,995,000	100%
Total Uninsured	71,000	11	454,000	9
Age Groups				
0-17	15,000	8	103,000	8
18-44	40,000	15	241,000	12
45-64	16,000	12	103,000	10
65+	1,000	1	7,000	1
Summary Groups				
Women 18-44	17,000	13	108,000	11
Men 18-44	23,000	17	133,000	13
Poverty Status				
Poor (<100% FPL)	20,000	25	102,000	23
Near poor (100-199% FPL)	25,000	14	153,000	15
Not poor (200%+ FPL)	25,000	6	184,000	5
Metro Status				
Metro Counties (<i>see Notes</i>)	37,000	10	290,000	9
Nonmetro counties (<i>see Notes</i>)	34,000	11	165,000	10

Notes:

Metropolitan counties Chippewa, Douglas, Eau Claire, La Crosse, Pierce, St. Croix.
Nonmetropolitan counties Barron, Buffalo, Burnett, Clark, Dunn, Jackson, Monroe, Pepin, Polk, Rusk, Trempealeau, Vernon, Washburn.

Source: Wisconsin Family Health Survey, 1995-97 combined file. Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

**Table 2. Children Ages 0-17 in the Western Region
Number and Proportion Without Health Insurance**

An estimated 15,000 children in the Western Region of Wisconsin were without health insurance at any one point in time during 1995-97. The uninsured included 3,000 children under the age of 6.

The proportion uninsured is much higher among poor children (17%) than among non-poor children (4%).

The 15,000 uninsured children in the Western Region live in an estimated 9,000 households.

	Western Region		State of Wisconsin	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Estimated Child Population	185,000	100%	1,355,000	100%
Total Uninsured Children	15,000	8	103,000	8
Age Groups				
0-5	3,000	5	28,000	7
6-11	6,000	9	36,000	8
12-17	6,000	9	39,000	8
Poverty Status				
Poor (<100% FPL)	5,000	17	29,000	18
Near poor (100-199% FPL)	6,000	10	40,000	13
Not poor (200%+ FPL)	4,000	4	31,000	4
Live(s) with Full-Time Employed Adult(s)	13,000	8	81,000	7
Households with Child(ren)	99,000	100%	750,000	100%
Households with Any Uninsured Child(ren)	9,000	9	61,000	8

Notes:

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The results in the "Western Region" column of Table 1 are based on a sample of 2,879 people from throughout the region. The results for the region in Table 2 are based on a sample of 866 children; the bottom panel displays results based on 427 households with children.

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**Table 1. Northern Region
Number and Proportion Without Health Insurance**

An estimated 46,000 people in the Northern Region of Wisconsin were without health insurance at any one point in time during 1995-97. This was about 10 percent of all household residents. The uninsured included an estimated 10,000 children and 10,000 women of child-bearing age (18-44).

The poor and near-poor are more likely than the non-poor to be uninsured. While 10 percent of the Region's residents overall were uninsured, 26 percent of the poor and 17 percent of the near-poor were uninsured.

	Northern Region		State of Wisconsin	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Estimated Household Population	459,000	100%	4,995,000	100%
Total Uninsured	46,000	10	454,000	9
Age Groups				
0-17	10,000	8	103,000	8
18-44	23,000	13	241,000	12
45-64	13,000	14	103,000	10
65+	--	1	7,000	1
Summary Groups				
Women 18-44	10,000	11	108,000	11
Men 18-44	13,000	14	133,000	13
Poverty Status				
Poor (<100% FPL)	11,000	26	102,000	23
Near poor (100-199% FPL)	21,000	17	153,000	15
Not poor (200%+ FPL)	13,000	5	184,000	5
Metro Status				
Metro Counties (<i>see Notes</i>)	8,000	6	290,000	9
Nonmetro counties (<i>see Notes</i>)	37,000	11	165,000	10

Notes:

-- Rounds to 0 (i.e., fewer than 500).

Metropolitan county Marathon.

Nonmetropolitan counties Ashland, Bayfield, Florence, Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida, Portage, Price, Sawyer, Taylor, Vilas, Wood.

Source: Wisconsin Family Health Survey, 1995-97 combined file. Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

**Table 2. Children Ages 0-17 in the Northern Region
Number and Proportion Without Health Insurance**

An estimated 10,000 children in the Northern Region of Wisconsin were without health insurance at any one point in time during 1995-97. The uninsured included 1,000 children under the age of 6.

The proportion uninsured is much higher among low-income children (15%) than among higher-income children (3%).

The 10,000 uninsured children in the Northern Region live in an estimated 6,000 households.

	Northern Region		State of Wisconsin	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Estimated Child Population	126,000	100%	1,355,000	100%
Total Uninsured Children	10,000	8	103,000	8
Age Groups				
0-5	1,000	2	28,000	7
6-11	4,000	10	36,000	8
12-17	5,000	10	39,000	8
Poverty Status				
Low-income (<200% FPL)	7,000	15	69,000	14
Higher-income (200%+ FPL)	2,000	3	31,000	4
Live(s) with Full-Time Employed Adult(s)	7,000	6	81,000	7
Households with Child(ren)	72,000	100%	750,000	100%
Households with Any Uninsured Child(ren)	6,000	8	61,000	8

Notes:

This table shows the estimated number of children who are uninsured in various groups, and the percent of children within the group who are uninsured.

FPL = Federal Poverty Level (based on household size and annual income).

Source: Wisconsin Family Health Survey, 1995-97 combined file. Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Technical Information

The Wisconsin Family Health Survey is a random-sample telephone survey conducted throughout the year under the direction of the Bureau of Health Information, Department of Health and Family Services. The survey includes questions about health status, chronic conditions, use of health care services, and health insurance coverage, as well as demographic items. The Family Health Survey collects information about household residents; it does not include persons living in institutions such as nursing homes and prisons.

Each telephone interview is conducted with the adult who knows the most about the health of all household members. In households with a minor child, this is most often the child's mother. This respondent answers all of the survey questions, providing information about all household members.

All survey results have been weighted and are considered to be representative of Wisconsin's household population. The estimates in these tables (both population numbers and percents) are annual averages for the 3-year period 1995-97. Further details about sample design, weights, and survey implementation are available in the annual report, [Wisconsin Family Health Survey 1996](#).

This annual report also includes statewide information about health insurance coverage during the previous year. Five percent of Wisconsin's household population was uninsured for the 12-month period prior to the telephone interview. The U.S. Census Bureau's nationwide survey, the Current Population Survey (CPS), found that 8% of Wisconsin's household population was uninsured during all of calendar year 1997. The two surveys arrive at different estimates of the uninsured population because the surveys are conducted differently. More information is available in the report.

The households interviewed during 1995, 1996 and 1997 included 23,743 *people of all ages* throughout Wisconsin. There were 7,171 *children* under the age of 18 in these households. The information collected about these residents is the basis for the "State of Wisconsin" columns in both tables. The bottom panel of the children's table (Table 2) displays results based on interviews conducted throughout Wisconsin with 3,573 *households* that included children.

The results in the "Northern Region" column of Table 1 are based on a sample of 1,867 people from throughout the region. The results for the region in Table 2 are based on a sample of 526 children; the bottom panel displays results based on 269 households with children.

All of the results presented in these tables are estimates from the Wisconsin Family Health Survey. As survey estimates, they are subject to error. The reader should be cautious in comparing two estimates; an apparent difference of a few percentage points may not be a statistically significant difference. Confidence intervals for specific estimates may be requested from the Bureau of Health Information.